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SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON APRIL 26, NATO
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. REVIEW OF NATO COMMAND STRUCTURE.
2. ATTENDANCE AT DPC MINISTERIAL.
3. MALTA.
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4. CSCE.
5. STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE.
6. ZAIRE.
7. EC-SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.
8. NATO SUMMIT (SEE SPETELS). END SUMMARY.

1. REVIEW OF NATO COMMAND STRUCTURE. SYG LUNS SAID THAT FORMER MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HILL-NORTON HAD LEFT HIM A LETTER RECOMMENDING PURSUIT OF THE REVIEW OF NATO'S COMMAND STRUCTURE THAT PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN LEFT IN ABEYANCE AS A RESULT OF AN ALLIED CONSENSUS TO DEFER. LUNS POINTED TO THE DELICACY OF ADDRESSING AT THIS TIME COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION AND PROPOSED THAT PERMREP DISCUSSION BE DEFERRED ONCE AGAIN. NONE DEMURRED.

2. ATTENDANCE AT DPC MINISTERIAL. IN RESPONSE TO LUNS'S PROPOSAL THAT ATTENDANCE AT THE RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL BE LIMITED TO THOSE AT THE TABLE PLUS FOUR, HARDY (CANADA) QUERIED THE NEED FOR SUCH LIMITED ATTENDANCE WHEN THE COUNCIL AT SUMMIT LEVEL WOULD INVOLVE NINE PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH ALLIED DELEGATION. HE SAW POSITIVE VALUE IN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ATTENDING THE DPC MINISTERIAL RESTRICTED SESSION WHICH WOULD DEAL LARGELY, AS HE SAW IT, WITH FOLLOW-UP TO THE SUMMIT.

CATALANO (ITALY) NOTED THAT DEFENSE MINISTERS, PERMREPS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF WOULD BE SEATED AT THE TABLE, WITH FOUR BEHIND, MAKING A TOTAL OF SEVEN, A NUMBER HE
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BELIEVED SUFFICIENT. MOREOVER, HE OPPOSED LEAVING THE LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE TO NATIONAL DECISION BECAUSE HE ANTICIPATED THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO HEAVY ATTENDANCE HAMPERING FRANK DISCUSSION. HARDY PROMISED TO SEEK THE ASSENT OF HIS AUTHORITIES TO THREE AT THE TABLE AND FOUR BEHIND. (COMMENT: OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN USNATO 2408 DTG 260957Z APR 77.)

3. MALTA. LUNS INQUIRED WHETHER ALLIES DESIRED AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE PERMREP DISCUSSIONS ON MALTA AND BOTH CATALANO AND TINE (FRANCE) SUGGESTED DEFERRAL. LUNS AGREED.

4. CSCE. AT LUNS'S SUGGESTION, PERMREPS DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF A PRECISE DATE FOR SCHEDULING NAC CONSULTATIONS WITH HEADS OF CSCE DELEGATIONS PRESENT, BETWEEN

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PHASES I AND II OF THE BELGRADE GATHERING.

5. STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE. CATALANO UNDERLINED HIS OBJECTION TO LATE RECEIPT OF A RECENT REQUEST FOR STANAVFORLANT TO SHIFT FROM PASSIVE TO ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET NAVAL FORCES (USNATO 2318 DTG 211623Z APR 77). HE INSISTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS BE RECEIVED IN TIME TO ALLOW ADEQUATE REACTIONS BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND THAT THEY CONTAIN ADEQUATE EXPLANATIONS TO SUPPORT THE REQUESTS.

6. ZAIRE. SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) REPORTED THAT
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MUTSHATSA HAD BEEN RECAPTURED BY ZAIRIAN FORCES IN SHABA. HE NOTED THAT MOBUTU'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SHABA MAY BE TOO EUPHORIC, TYPICAL OF HIS EXTREME REACTIONS. MEANWHILE, THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE LUNDA REBELS ARE BECOMING DISCOURAGED AND DISORGANIZED AND THAT THE MILITARY PHASE OF THE INSURGENCY MAY BE NEARING AN END. IN THIS CONNECTION, BELGIAN AUTHORITIES THINK THAT THE SOVIETS, CUBANS AND ANGOLANS, RATHER THAN RISKING A CLEAR DEFEAT, MAY PREFER TO DIMINISH THEIR BACKING OF THE GENDARMES, AND LET THE EPISODE FADE. PAULS (FRG) AND KILLICK (UK), ON A PERSONAL BASIS, PRAISED THE TIMELY FRENCH INTERVENTION WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE TURNED THE TIDE.

7. EC-SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. SCHUURMANS NOTED THAT, THUS FAR, THE EC MEMBERS HAD BEEN STRESSING ONLY THE ECONOMIC ANGLE IN APPROACHING THE CURRENT EC-

SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. PERHAPS, HE SAID, NATO OUGHT TO CONSIDER SOVIET AIMS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FROM A SECURITY VIEW POINT. MOREOVER, HE DEPLORED THE CONCESSIONS BEING MADE BY THE EC IN RETURN FOR A POSSIBLE PROMISE OF EVENTUAL SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE EC. LUNS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THE ALLIES WOULD CONSULT ON THE POLITICAL AND POLITICAL-MILITARY ISSUES AT STAKE, BUT NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO RAISE THE ISSUE FOR FEAR OF AN ADVERSE REACTION FROM THE EC MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. KILLICK SAID THAT HE HAD RAISED THE MATTER WITH HIS AUTHORITIES IN JUNE, BUT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AVOID A NATO ROLE, THOUGH HE ADDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT OF A PURELY COMMERCIAL CHARACTER AND WERE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS. SPEAKING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC PRESIDENCY, KILLICK SAID THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE NINE SHARED THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SCHUURMANS BUT RESERVED HIS POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF A POSSIBLE DIS-
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CUSSION IN NATO. VIBE (NORWAY) RECALLED THE VALUE OF NATO STUDIES OF SOVIET NAVAL OBJECTIVES BUT ALSO RESERVED HIS POSITION ON NATO DISCUSSIONS. TOMASSON (ICELAND) HOPED THAT THE EC WOULD AT LEAST BRIEF THE ALLIES IN NATO ON PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND KILLICK POINTED OUT THAT THE UK HAD CIRCULATED IN POLADS, ON BEHALF OF THE NINE, PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE TALKS. TINE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT THAT GOVERNMENTS BE INFORMED OF NON-ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS AND SUGGESTED THAT PERMREPS RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT NATO AGENCY STUDIES, SUCH AS THOSE OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, BE MADE AVAILABLE AS BACKGROUND TO GOVERNMENTS. LUNS SAID THAT A MILITARY COMMITTEE STUDY OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUE MIGHT BE COMMISSIONED IF ALL ALLIES AGREE. STREATOR

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